



STRATEGIC PLAN 2005

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Goal 1: The CSN will identify, prioritize and advocate for the needs of children, youth and families.

- 1) Establish a collaborative needs assessment process:
 - a) Identify common/useful indicators to use across agencies as a basis to gather & present needs information.
 - b) Create a process for gathering completed needs assessments and other related surveys and secondary data about SLO County, to facilitate the development of CSN positions and to avoid duplication of effort.
 - c) Create a "Needs Assessment" portal on the CSN website, to display data, CSN positions and adjunct findings.
 - d) Establish a collaborative funding source for the needs assessment process.
 - e) Establish a process to get feedback from clients/consumers, stakeholders and other community members regarding the efficacy of service delivery in meeting needs
- 2) Utilize the needs assessment findings to prioritize funding for programs:
 - a) Target specific areas for improvement across the children's system of care.
 - b) Survey/research evidence-based programs and suggest improvements to existing programs.
 - c) Consider outcome data from each program requesting CSN support to determine how the program contributes to the overall goals of the CSN, the County and the community.
 - d) Utilize the needs assessment findings and CSN priorities to advocate for funding to maintain, expand and establish effective programs.
 - e) Establish a collaborative process for researching and developing grants to fund or maintain high priority programs identified in the needs assessment process.

Goal 2: The CSN will advocate for children, youth and families through its collective expertise

1. Present a CSN Annual Report to the BOS each fall that includes:
 - a) A review of the CSN Accomplishments in the preceding fiscal year
 - b) Prioritized needs for children, youth and families, including gaps in services and objectives for filling these gaps. Particular focus on the impact of reduced or eliminated funds for programs and services, and
 - c) The current year CSN Strategic Plan.
2. In accordance with the procedure established by the CAO, submit recommendations reflecting the priorities and use them to support or oppose pending legislation affecting children, youth and families.
3. Maintain funding for CSN operations
4. Annually present the Central Coast Conference on Children and Youth, and other trainings as appropriate, to help educate the community about issues affecting children, youth and families
5. For 2005-06 advocate for and participate in local initiative development in the areas of:
 - a) CWS Redesign
 - b) 0-5 service development
 - c) Mental Health Services Act
 - d) Beginnings (Chasnoff)

Goal 3: The CSN will create and strengthen partnerships for the delivery of service to children, youth and families

1. Maximize funding for children, youth and families through development of blended program partnerships.
2. Maximize funding for children and youth through knowledge/ expansion/ coordination of existing/new funding sources
3. Establish and maintain a membership that is representative of the community
4. For 2005-06 develop and implement a process to mentor and engage consumer participation
5. Maintain an active committee structure encouraging broad representation of the CSN membership
6. Encourage and support community exploration of the FRC concept development, sustainability and its application to the community's local needs.